

An airplane lies on its back after an unscheduled flight during Hurricane David, as the monster storm passed over Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital. The plane was parked some distance from the building on top of which it now rests. (Story — page 4) (AP radiophoto)

Dayan meets in Hebron with former deportee

By IAN BLACK
Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met yesterday with Dr. Ahmed Hameed Natshe, a leading West Bank Communist who was once deported for incitement against the military authorities.

No shift in Syria's stand on peace talks, Begin learns

By ASHER WALLFISH
Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday said that his conversation last Friday with a Rumanian presidential envoy had taught him that Syria's stand on the Middle East conflict is unchanged.

Felafel seller unable to bail out

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — A felafel stall owner in the Bezalet market here, suspected of evading taxes on income of over IL32m., yesterday was ordered remanded in police custody for 15 days for failure to raise bail.

New electronic plane can destroy enemy's radar

SPANGDAHEM, West Germany (Reuter). — The little-publicized arrival in Europe of new electronic warfare aircraft has boosted NATO's ability to pierce the Warsaw Pact's thick air defences, according to Western military experts.

Frozen meat up again—16%

By SELOMO MAOZ
Frozen meat prices went up again last night by 16 per cent, only six days after a drastic 70 per cent hike. An order authorizing the rise was signed by Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Patai.

Kurds fall back as gov't takes Mahabad

MAHABAD, Iran. — Kurdish rebels relinquished their hold on this Kurdish city in western Iran yesterday after day-long fighting and a two-pronged assault by government forces, spearheaded by jets, helicopter gunships and tanks.

Gov't, Histadrut agree on 5% C-o-L for September only

By SELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
All public sector employees will get a Cost-of-Living Increase of 5 per cent, up to a ceiling of some IL720, with September salaries (payable at the beginning of October), it was agreed yesterday between the Histadrut and the government.

Syria rushes paratroops to port city to quell protest

DAMASCUS (AP). — The Syrian authorities have sent troops to Latakia to put down demonstrations by members of the Alawite sect, angered by attacks on their community, to which President Hafez Assad belongs, Western diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Sanctions by bakers, bread supplies low

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Bread will again be in short supply and late today as 4,000 bakers continue working to rule.

Gold passes \$320

LONDON (Reuter). — The price of gold soared above \$320 an ounce yesterday for the first time.

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While cooling your heels at Ben Gurion Airport take steps to keep in touch with Israel, fifty-two times a year. How? By reading The Jerusalem Post Weekly International Edition.

Sadat sails into Haifa today for 3-day summit

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Editor
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will sail into Haifa at noon today for a three-day visit during which he will hold summit talks with Premier Menachem Begin on issues overshadowing the peace pact between the two countries.

The Jerusalem Post Poll

Table showing poll results: Half of the population lives in fear of crime. 53.2 per cent of the women polled said they felt unsafe compared with 41.3 per cent of the men.



HAIFA WELCOMES PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIS ENTOURAGE IN PEACE

Advertisement for Schneidman leather goods, featuring the text 'LEATHER ONLY! 99 KING GEORGE ST. TA' and 'Schneidman the Israel fashionhouse'.

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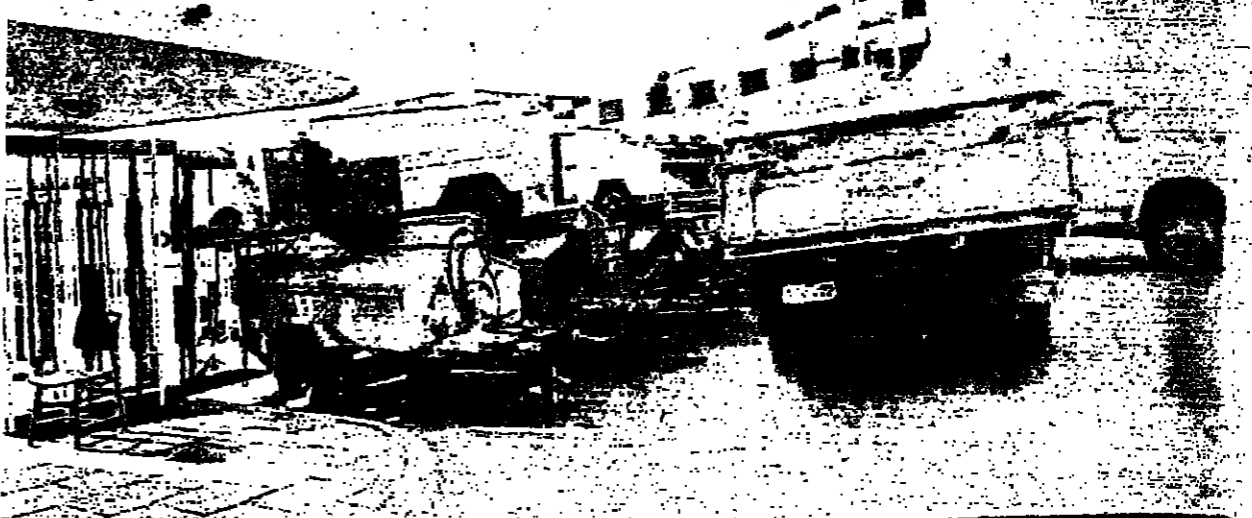
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Haifa set in advance for Sadat

By MARY HIRSHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA — Arrangements for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit were completed so far in advance that the Egyptian delegation which arrived here on Sunday afternoon to help with the final touches, went sightseeing instead.

Police have widely distributed pamphlets with suggested alternative routes and all pertinent explanations. Prime Minister Begin, looking tired, arrived at the Dan Carmel at 9 p.m. yesterday to spend the night. He will be joined by Mrs. Begin this morning.

Poran added, however, that the Egyptian naval command views the current visit to Haifa as purely a working trip, and asked that no special events be arranged for the Egyptian sailors who will be in Haifa some 48 hours.



The entrance to the Electric Corporation in Tel Aviv is blocked off with trailers and trucks placed against the gates by striking workers. (Zvi Friedman)

Begin, Dulzin clash on fate of ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter. A worsening of relations between the Liberal and Herut wings of the Likud may result from the angry confrontation last night between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, in which the premier rejected Dulzin's demands to abolish the Absorption Ministry.

Moda'i resumes parley in power company labour rift

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV — Negotiations resumed last night in the dispute at the Electric Corporation as Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i met with representatives of the Histadrut, the company's management and the national works committee at the corporation's headquarters here.

TV in colour for Sadat arrival

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter. The arrival ceremony of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Haifa will be broadcast on Israel TV live and in colour at 11.25 this morning.

Liberal demand Begin push housing, anti-inflation action

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter. Liberal Party Minister Moshe Nissim told Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday that the battle against hyper-inflation and less expensive housing for low income families are two of the most crucial challenges on which his party was demanding rapid action.

DAYAN

(Continued from page 1) press conference organized by the Rakah-backed "Committee for a Just Peace Between Israel and the Arab Countries."

Top-level discussion on U.S. aid

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter. Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and representatives of the Foreign Ministry in a closed session yesterday to discuss Israel's upcoming aid request to the U.S.

Prosecutors sanctions deadlocked

By YORAM BAE Jerusalem Post Reporter. Negotiations between state attorneys, the Civil Service Commission and the director-general of the Justice Ministry broke down last night after the director-general, Dr. Meir Gabbay, left the meeting.

THE WEATHER

Table with 3 columns: Yesterday's, Yesterdays, Today's. Rows include Jerusalem, Golan, Nahariya, Safad, Haifa Port, etc.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Israel Goldstein, honorary president of the Israel Interfaith Committee and the Association of American and Canadian in Israel, and Mrs. Goldstein, from the U.S.

DEPARTURES

Michel Moda'i, chairman of Wiso in Israel, for lecture tour of Canada.

Habib Khayat, Greek Catholic leader, buried

HAIFA — Dr. Habib Albert Khayat was buried yesterday at the Greek Catholic cemetery, in Carmel Beach.

UNIFIL captures eight terrorists

UNIFIL troops in South Lebanon captured eight armed men and ejected them from the volatile border area with Israel on Saturday, a UN spokesman announced last night.

Peretz seen making Ashdod comeback

ASEDOD (Hlm). — Former port worker foe Yehoshua Peretz, once the uncrowned king of the port here, and Eli Maman, who ousted him in the 1973 election, met yesterday to discuss his own personal situation in the cabinet and to discuss some of the complaints which the Liberal Party has against its coalition allies.

Local authorities owe banks IL20b., \$80m.

Post Economic Reporter. The local authorities owe some IL20b. and \$80m. to commercial banks, the Examiner of Banks, Oded Messer, told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Ariel land seizure again before court

Fifty-nine residents of Zekka village in the West Bank yesterday filed an appeal with the High Court of Justice against the seizure of their land for the expansion of the Ariel settlement.

Suspect caught in Hollywood-style car chase

By MARY HIRSHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA — A Hollywood-style car chase and exchange of fire yesterday ended in the arrest of a man with an arm-long record of burglaries and assaults in the Haifa area.

Sabras growing taller — 171 cm

The survey also found that sabras are lighter than their European and American-born counterparts — men by about 2 kg and women by about 6 kg.

World Wizo mourns the passing of FAY GROVE-POLLAK

Honorary Life Member of the World Wizo Executive and for many years head of the Department of Education and Organization and extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my beloved wife, and our dear sister FAY GROVE-POLLAK. The funeral will leave the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, at 2.30 p.m., today, Tuesday, September 4, 1979 for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

To the Khayat family We share in your profound sorrow on the death of your beloved Dr. HABIB ALBERT KHAYAT. Drucker Zacharia Ltd. Drucker Zacharia Family. Civil Engineering Construction Company Ltd. Management and Staff.

We share the deep sorrow of the Elion Family on the death of BERT ELION. The funeral will take place today, September 4, 1979, at 4 p.m. at Saint Pierre in Gallicantu on Mount Zion, Jerusalem.

The members of the HAIFA LION'S CLUB mourn the untimely passing of LION Dr. HABIB A. KHAYAT and extend their heartfelt condolences to his family.

We share the deep sorrow of the Elion Family on the death of BERT ELION. and extend our condolences to Queenie and the family. Rose and Louis Zimm and family.

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A police spokesman said that the suspect was dismissed from Gil-Am several months ago following allegations of moral misconduct, and moved to Pardes Hanna where he continued working with delinquent youth. There he teamed up with an 18-year-old army deserter who was arrested several weeks ago on charges of aiding in the weapons theft.

The two men moved back to Haifa

A walk across Dead Sea possible

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Dead Sea has split into two but no one has yet been known to try to cross from one side to the other. Shlomo Drori, an official of the Dead Sea Development Company confirmed yesterday that the sea has dried up at its centre between the Israeli side and the "tongue" on the Jordanian side, three kilometres distant. "It's been this way since 1977," he said.

However, a crossing on foot would be risky, even without the question of security forces on both sides. "There are parts where you have a thin crust of salt over a pool of water. If you fell through no one could get you out," Drori noted.

The shallow centre of the sea dried up because the Jordan River, which was the principal source for the Dead Sea's replenishment, is now almost totally drawn off by Israel and Jordan before its waters reach the area.

A dry plain stretches for 12 kilometres north-south between the northern part of the Dead Sea which is up to 400 metres deep and the artificial pools at the southern end which are up to 20 kilometres long. These pools have their water pumped to them from the northern part of the sea and are a major source of chemicals.

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Tel Avivans to tote their trash themselves

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Residents of Tel Aviv will have to tote their own garbage cans from the garbage huts in their yards to the street, and return them after they have been emptied, as the result of the increasing municipal personnel shortage, the municipal executive manager and sanitation department head, Arye Kremer, said yesterday.

Kremer said the municipality will consider providing residents with large plastic bags to fill with garbage and place on the pavement for removal. Such a system is used in many parts of Europe and the U.S., he said.

Discussing the personnel shortage, Kremer said that out of the municipality's 480 street-cleaning employees, only 140 are Jews. Arab workers must be brought to the city to fill the personnel roster.

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said the wholesale market here will close from 6 p.m. Thursday and reopen on Saturday evening, while the Carmel and Hatikva markets will be closed from Sunday morning to 4 a.m. Monday.

One hundred additional cleaning workers will reinforce the cleaning campaign, which will include washing streets and pavements; repainting road-signs, zebra crossings and walls; cleaning out municipal lots and synagogue yards; and providing residents with paint to repaint shop fronts and stalls.

Volunteers from women's organisations, neighbourhood committees, the Society for Protection of Nature, the Society for a Beautiful Israel, youth clubs and some 12,000 elementary school pupils will be mobilized for the 14-day clean-campaign.

Rina Mor takes Hilton PR job



Rina Mor, newly-appointed head of public relations at the Tel Aviv Hilton, together with Frank Nohmann, manager of the public relations department of the Jerusalem Hilton. (Miltman)

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rina Mor, the only Israeli to have captured the Miss Universe title, has been appointed to head the public relations department of the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel.

Mor's appointment was announced yesterday by Dieter Hucklestein, the hotel's general manager. Mor, 28, served in the air force as an instructor in aerodynamics.

Following her gaining the Miss Universe title in 1976, Mor visited more than 30 countries and was honoured by heads of state. She has modelled for some of the world's most prestigious fashion houses, and has given numerous radio and television interviews in many parts of the world.

CHINA is negotiating with Western banking organisations about the use of credit cards in the People's Republic. Western business sources said this week. They said Chinese interest in credit cards, primarily for tourists and businessmen, appeared to have followed their acceptance earlier this year in stores operated by China in Hong Kong. (Reuter)

West Bank villagers attack surveyors in land dispute

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces were summoned to the West Bank village of Husan early yesterday morning to restore order after a number of residents attacked Israeli surveyors in a quarrel over land.

A number of persons were arrested but were released later in the day.

The land in question, some 400 dunams, was reportedly sold to Jewish middlemen by 90-year-old Salim Hamamati, whose sons claim it was moved to Tel Aviv and provided with a female companion.

Himnata, an independent land purchase company that operates extensively in the West Bank, is considering whether to buy the plot from Shmuel Einav, a Tel Aviv-based land dealer.

If the deal goes through, The Jerusalem Post learned earlier this week, the land will be made

available to the Jewish National Fund, which will in turn make it over to settlements in nearby Gush Etzion for agricultural purposes.

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Katz outlines plans for labour peace

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government should refuse to negotiate any demand by workers involving issues or benefits not included in an existing work agreement, Labour Minister Israel Katz says.

This is one of the recommendations he will bring before the Ministerial Economic Committee today as that body discusses ways to ensure labour peace at least until March 31, 1980, when current contracts expire.

While favouring a firm stand against renegotiation of work agreements in mid-term, Katz would permit any worker who feels adversely affected by this position to appeal to the Labour Court or to the Mutual Arbitration Institute.

Other points in the Katz labour

FARMER SLAIN BY STONE

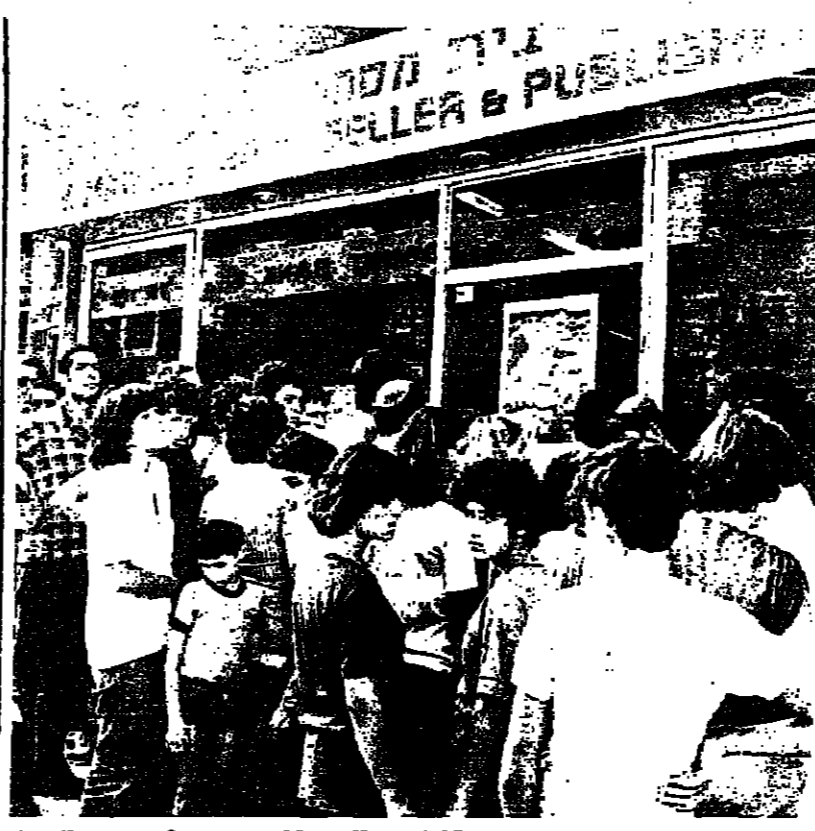
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A farmer from Dura village near Hebron was felled by a stone thrown yesterday during an altercation with a fellow farmer over the demarcation of their respective plots.

Abdallah Abu Zis, 22, was rushed to Jerusalem's Hadassah University Hospital, but he was dead on arrival. His assailant was held for questioning.

peace formula are:

- To ensure that public sector workers outside the Civil Service are subject to the same restraints on contract renegotiation, the government would enact legislation governing the public sector by similar regulations.
- The government would recommend to the Histadrut and the Economic Coordinating Organisation (private employers) adoption of the same policy.
- The Cost-of-Living increment would be paid once every 90 days.
- Income tax brackets would be adjusted by 100 per cent.
- The government, for its part, would display a policy of fiscal restraint while at the same time maintaining a "proper" level of assistance to low-income families.



Pupils crowd on a sidewalk outside a bookshop in downtown Jerusalem, waiting for the doors to open so that they can make their purchases for the new school year which opened on Sunday. (Zoom — Elharar)

Kollek: East J'em Arabs fear PLO rule the most

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Arabs of East Jerusalem fearing under PLO rule more than any other political eventuality, Mayor Teddy Kollek said yesterday.

Addressing members of the Council of East Jerusalem subcommittee at City Hall, he said that hundreds of East Jerusalem residents had had relatives liquidated by Arab extremist elements in the disturbances of the 1930s. The same kind of bloodletting would occur, he feared, in the event of a PLO takeover, Kollek averred.

"The Arabs in Jerusalem don't love us," he said. "They want independence. But the one thing they fear is the PLO. That's one group they don't want in power in any circumstances."

Kollek said that Arab terrorism in the 1930s had killed many times more Arabs than Jews or Britons. The Arabs also recalled what happened after the Algerian revolution: "A small, well-armed group under Boumedienne liquidated the upper class," he recalled, adding that it was simple fear that stilled anti-PLo voices in the East Jerusalem community.

Referring to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's suggestion that Jerusalem remain physically united

but divided separate Israel and Arab sovereignties, Kollek said that this was in practice unfeasible for "within a week we would again have barbed wire and walls dividing the city."

Many people abroad presumed that Israel was expelling Arabs from Jerusalem, the mayor said. In fact, while the population of Arab Jerusalem had remained static during 19 years of Jordanian rule, it had almost doubled in 12 years of Israeli rule. The principal reason cited by Kollek was economic prosperity.

Only one Arab Jerusalemite had been expelled from the country for political reasons, and very few Jerusalemites were involved in the acts of terrorism carried out in the city.

As for UNESCO's charges that Israel was changing the character of the city, Kollek said that Israel was in fact making it more beautiful than it had ever been, revealing its past "with great dignity." The Old City walls, neglected and eroded under Jordanian rule, had been restored by Israel in a two-year operation, he said.

"I don't say we have solved all our problems," declared the mayor, "but united Jerusalem is a much better city, and it can remain united only under Israeli rule."

IN FEAR OF CRIME

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of western origin who said they felt unsafe.

Egypt generation Israeli-born people felt safer than second-generation respondents, by a margin of 41.3 per cent to 51.1 per cent.

Zemach and Yarkoni also reported wide differences in the response of residents of different geographic areas, ranging from greater Tel Aviv and the central region, where 51.5 per cent said they felt unsafe, to Haifa and the North, where only 40.1 per cent indicated they were insecure. In Jerusalem, 48.3 per cent of the residents said they felt unsafe, and residents of Beersheba and the South scored an insecurity ratio of 41.8 per cent.

The second question in the poll was: "Do the police function well in maintaining law and order in the land?"

The replies were: Very well — 9.2 per cent; well — 24.6 per cent; fair — 33.3 per cent; badly — 31.2 per cent; undecided — 2.7 per cent.

Zemach and Yarkoni said that the older the person questioned, the less confidence he had in the police:

Age	Confidence in police
18-22	37.4%
23-30	38.7%
31-40	37.4%
41-50	26.0%
51 and over	21.4%

The researchers found that Israeli-born in Afro-Asian countries were most inclined against the police, with 58.1 per cent having little or no confidence, while only 23.9 per cent of those born in Western countries were not confident. First-generation sabras fell in between, with 33.6 per cent not confident in the police.

Supporters of the religious parties were more confident in the police than other groups. Only 23.1 per cent of those who said they backed the NRP, and 25.0 per cent of Agudat Mizrach followers, said they distrusted the police, while 31.8 per cent of Likud and 32.1 per cent of Labour followers showed a lack of confidence.

The pollsters discovered a sizeable gap in opinions about how well the police function between residents of Beersheba and the South, where 44.8 per cent gave the police poor marks, and Jerusalem and Haifa, where 26.7 per cent and 26.9 per cent, respectively commented negatively. Residents of greater Tel Aviv and the central region fell roughly in the middle, with 32.6 per cent indicating a lack of confidence in the police.

Morning TV during holidays suggested

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has asked the directors-general of Educational TV to screen children's programmes in the morning during school holidays throughout the year.

Hammer, who is responsible for implementing the Broadcasting Law, said he has received many favourable reactions from parents about the straight four hours of children's shows that were broadcast throughout August.

NATO'S ELECTRONIC PLANE

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antennae all round the plane, provides automatic warning of emission in most radar bands. It also gives the bearing, identity and mode of operation of detected signals and all of them are displayed on a cockpit monitor.

At the same time all the signals received are processed by an advanced computer that stores in its memory the signature of all known enemy and friendly radars.

This naturally involves knowledge of an enemy's electronic methods. All the major nations strive to find out as much as possible about their opponent's use of the frequency spectrum — a process known as electronic intelligence or ELINT.

The knowledge is obtained by a variety of means. The Americans and Soviets orbit specially equipped satellites to look for and record every electronic transmission they can find. Other nations rely on aircraft, ships, ground listening stations, often on mountain tops and remotely piloted vehicles.

In seconds, the computer sorts out

the received signals, analyzes them and tells the electronic warfare officer sitting in the cockpit behind the pilot what the source is. The computer also indicates which is the most suitable weapon system for the target in question.

Besides television-guided Mavericks and various bombs, the Wild Weasel F-4G uses Shrike and Standard-ARM missiles for its specific mission.

These two missiles are fired when the target has been pinpointed, and their radar receiver continuously senses the path of radar radiation from the target. The radar then generates command signals for the missile guidance system to home in on the enemy radar.

The Standard-ARM goes one step further than the Shrike — it has a memory. Even if the enemy's radar switches off, it can home in on the target.

The Advanced Wild Weasel has been conceived primarily to escort other bombers warning them of the dangers from the ground. But it can also perform hunt and kill missions.

Anti-inflation measures on ministers' agenda

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee is due to meet today to discuss a series of measures to curb the country's inflation, which is currently running at about 91 per cent.

The committee will be asked to approve the agreement between the Bank of Israel and the industrialists, whereby export loans will be reduced from 80 per cent to 65 per cent. At the same time, the interest on these loans — both in dollars and in Israeli pounds — will be raised.

The committee will also discuss the Treasury's decision to cancel the collection of employers' loans in all productive sectors of the economy and to refund those loans paid to date. Any refund would be gradual, to prevent too large an influx of money into the economy (it is estimated that the public holds some IL5b. worth of such loans).

A possible budget cut of some IL5b. (in real terms) will also be discussed. The cut would be made across the board, with each ministry making its own cuts as it sees fit. The local authorities would also be expected to make cuts. The committee will not be presented with the amended budget at today's meeting, and this will be discussed in detail later this month.

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Pension fund loans must be fully linked

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The country's pension funds, traditionally a source of cheap loans for their members, will no longer be able to grant non-linked loans if a proposed change in regulations accepted by the Treasury yesterday at a meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Under the new arrangement, pension funds will be forced to link loans 100 per cent to the consumer price in-

dex, and take 6 per cent interest. In many cases this is twice and even three times the rate at which loans were made in the past.

Up to now, the funds granted loans according to their own criteria, at interest rates which ranged from 24 per cent to 40 per cent and sometimes more.

But in the Treasury view, it is illogical that in a period of monetary restraint the funds should still grant members low interest loans while the Treasury ensures that the funds themselves are fully index-linked.

Tax men net IL15.7b. in August

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Tax collection from April to August was 18 per cent higher in real terms than in the corresponding period last year, according to figures published yesterday by the State Revenues Administration. Tax collection during August hit IL15.7b.

State Revenues Commissioner Uriel Lin told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that tax collection this year should total IL20.8b., even after cancellation of some taxes such as the employers' tax. The figure estimated in the budget was IL15.6b.

August's tax collection was 104 per cent higher than last August, while tax gathering in April to August, which brought in IL4.6b., was up by 98.6 per cent in current terms. Even discounting a rise in the gross national product and various price rises, tax collection is up 9 per cent as compared with the parallel period last year.

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41 harpists pluck in int'l contest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The seventh International Harp Contest opened last night in Jerusalem's YMCA Auditorium with a recital by the winner of the last contest, Ion Ivan-Roncea of Romania.

The 10-day contest includes 41 contestants from 13 countries. An international jury, chaired by Yohanan Boehm, music critic of The Jerusalem Post, includes participants from nine countries: Nicanor Zabaleta, the internationally famed Basque harpist, is honorary president of the jury.

First prize is a grand concert harp offered by Lyon and Healy of the U.S.

Industrial exports up

Post Economic Reporter

Industrial exports rose sharply last month by some 45 per cent — excluding diamonds — compared with August 1978. They came to \$320.6m.

In the first eight months of this year, industrial exports (excluding diamonds) increased by 28.3 per cent compared with the same period last year, to stand at \$1.554b. The main growth was recorded in chemicals, rubber and plastics, which grew 38 per cent (\$386m.). Textiles and clothing exports grew by 33 per cent (\$223m.), and metal products and electronics by 22 per cent (\$376m.).

Histadrut pressing for five-day week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut labour federation says it will seek to introduce a five-day work week in all industrial plants. But employees will have to work nine hours a day instead of eight.

So far, 70 plants throughout the country are working on this basis, Histadrut Secretary-General Yechiel Meshor told the Central Committee Management and workers were satisfied with the arrangement and productivity has not declined, he said.

Tax advances up 65%

Post Economic Reporter

The last four advance income tax payments, due from November, will be increased by 65 per cent to account for inflation.

This was decided yesterday by the State Revenues Administration which estimates that the amendment will bring in an additional IL2b.

WZO PROJECTS. — 8,000 young Jews took part in the World Zionist Organization's summer projects this season, with nearly half from America and the rest from France, Spain, Canada, England, Belgium and Greece.

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Western experts predict bleak future for NATO

BRUSSELS (AP) — Public figures from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean yesterday ended a three-day conference on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, painting a bleak outlook for the 15-nation alliance.

Former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger, the conference's chairman, summed up NATO's predicament in a keynote address. "The dominant fact of the current military situation," he said, "is that the NATO countries are falling behind in every significant military category with the possible exception of naval forces, where the gap is closing in our favour."

On top of that, Kissinger said, successive U.S. administrations, including the ones in which he served, had erred in building up a strategic nuclear strike force believing that was a military asset.

That school of thought, he added, has forced the U.S. to rely "perhaps excessively" on the theory of mutual assured destruction.

He said it was time for Washington to move away from "the demoralizing strategy of massive civilian extermination for our strategic forces and develop tactical or theatre nuclear forces in Western Europe."

A recurring theme at the conference, sponsored by Georgetown University Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington and the Paris-based Atlantic Institute, a security research group,

was the alleged need for NATO to build a land-based nuclear missile force in Europe that can strike Soviet targets.

The greatest short-term danger facing NATO in the decades ahead, Kissinger and other speakers insisted, was the buildup by the Soviet Union of the SS-20, a triple-warheaded nuclear missile with a range covering all of Western Europe.

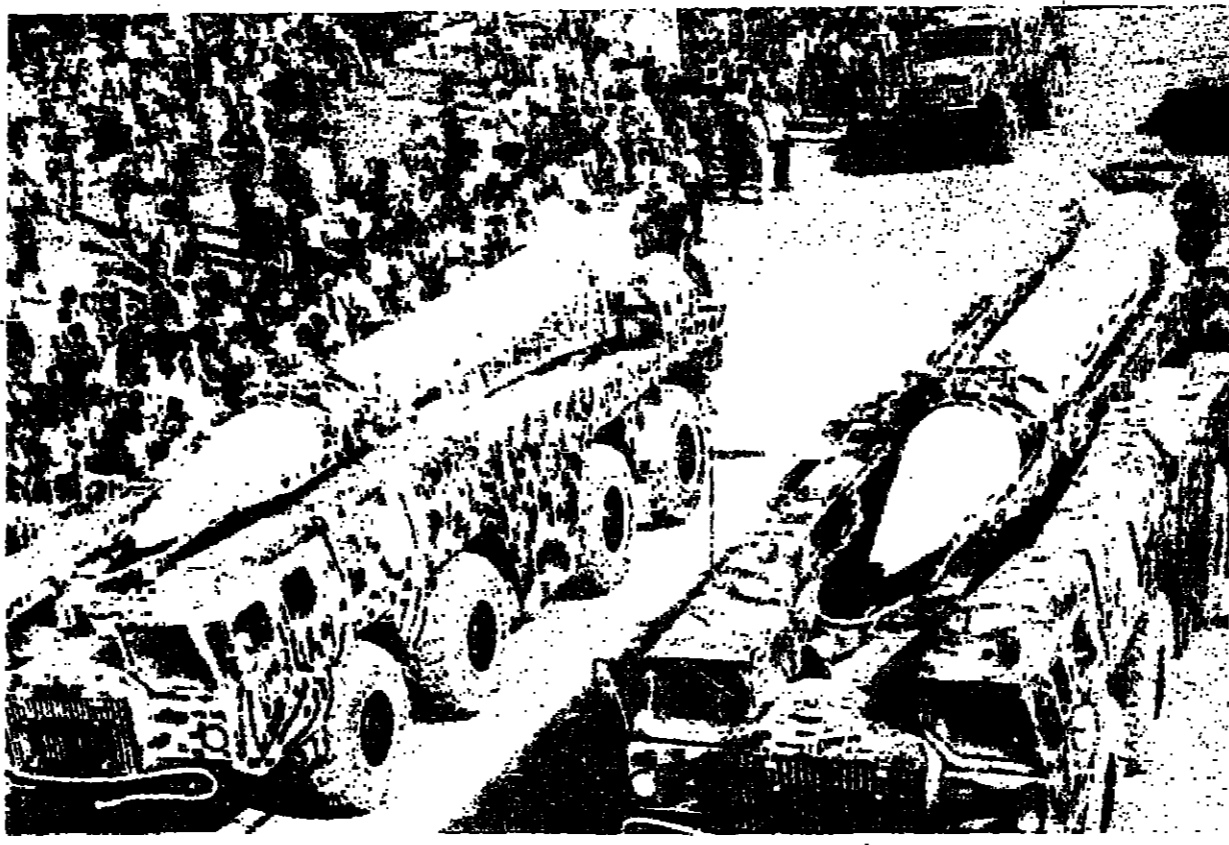
Later this year, NATO ministers will once again take up the politically sensitive issue of where to base the nuclear weapons and of what type they should be.

In congressional testimony earlier this year, U.S. administration officials charged that the inability of Washington's European allies to make a basing decision has set back the weapons' deployment until mid-1983.

The choice includes an extended version of the Pershing nuclear missile, which has a 640-km range, or a cruise missile.

"It is clear that a failure on the part of the European allies to respond positively and resolutely to this new Soviet challenge (the SS-20 missile)," NATO secretary Joseph Luns told the conference, "would open Europe to Soviet blackmail."

Kissinger, Luns and others repeated the theme of growing Soviet military strength, but said that what Moscow would do in the next decade with its military superiority is open to speculation.



Long range rockets were shown during the military parade in Benghazi to mark the 10th anniversary of the revolution in Libya led by Muammer Gaddafi. (UPI/teletype)

Killer hurricane David skirts Florida coast

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane David, one of the century's deadliest Atlantic storms, lost some of its punch yesterday as it skirted Florida's populous "Gold Coast."

Damage was light as the hurricane and its 145 kph winds skirted the beaches from Miami to Palm Beach on a path toward the north. At least five deaths in Florida were blamed on the storm.

Before closing in on the southeast coast of Florida where thousands fled their homes, the storm had killed at least 650 persons in a 5-day march through the Caribbean islands of Dominica, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, where 150,000 were reported homeless, and the Bahamas.

David approached the Florida coast during the night, hurling gale winds of up to 115 km. per hour at Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, snapping power lines and causing blackouts and some bush fires.

"The question is now to get it over land before it strengthens again," said Dr. Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Centre. "A weaker storm making landfall is probably the best situation — if we had to have a hurricane. It's not as severe a threat to life."

"We think it's going to parallel the coast and continue north and be a threat somewhere in the Carolinas

sometime in the next 48 hours," Frank predicted.

Meanwhile, hurricane Frederic was about 70 km. north-northeast of Antigua and moving toward the Leeward Islands as it swirled its 120 kph winds north of the path carved by David.

Frederic was considered a threat yesterday to the northern Leeward Islands and the Virgin Islands.

David took its place among the century's six deadliest hurricanes as new casualty reports were reported

in Santo Domingo. There were 22 deaths reported in Dominica, 16 in Puerto Rico, and Dominican Republic officials said there could be as many as 1,000 fatalities when all areas in that country were accounted for.

At least three ships anchored at Santo Domingo sank during the storm, which hit the island last Friday night.

In Washington, U.S. President Jimmy Carter declared Puerto Rico a major disaster area. (AP, UPI)

Soviet ban Begin book

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet customs authorities have refused to allow American publishers to display 11 books at the international book fair here, including three works by exiled dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Israel Premier Menahem Begin's memoirs of his time in a Russian concentration camp, "White Nights."

Also banned as not in the "interests of détente" were a book about ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov, who defected to the West, and two books by Svetlana Alliluyeva, the daughter of the late dictator Josef Stalin. She is also a defector.

At a press conference yesterday, Boris Stukalin, chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Printing,

publishing and Book Trade, confirmed the books had been banned from the fair. He said they "do not serve the purpose of détente and mutual understanding."

Stukalin refused to answer a question concerning Soviet refusal to provide a visitor's visa to Random House chairman Robert L. Bernstein, saying "I have not dealt with the question of visas."

Bernstein has supported dissident Soviet writers and heads the Helsinki Watch Committee, which monitors adherence to the human rights agreements of the Helsinki Accord.

Including Soviet book publishers, there are 1,800 firms represented at the fair. The U.S. contingent is made up of 251 firms, compared to 73 last year.

Castro blasts U.S., Israel, China at non-aligned meet

HAVANA — Cuba's president Fidel Castro accused the U.S. yesterday of trying to "sabotage" the Havana meeting of non-aligned leaders.

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Palestinian people," but he said that Cuba is not an anti-Zionist country.

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Nazi records banned in Liechtenstein

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (AP) — The Liechtenstein Government has formally demanded the closure of a record advertising company which it charges is spreading Nazi propaganda.

An official communique said the company was advertising records with speeches of Nazi leaders and with Nazi songs in West Germany, "primarily among rightist circles."

The communique said this amounted to "publicizing Nazi ideology," and that the company's

activity was thus "damaging the interests of the principality."

Heiga Beck, representative of the company, Documentary Series Establishment, said she would formally appeal the government's decision demanding that the company be deleted from the commercial register.

Beck said she believed the decision was due to a "misunderstanding." She said the records, exclusively sold in West Germany, had all been cleared by German authorities.

Billy meets the Paletinians

KUWAIT (Reuter) — A Kuwaiti newspaper said yesterday that Billy Carter, brother of U.S. President Jimmy Carter, had met Palestinian leaders in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

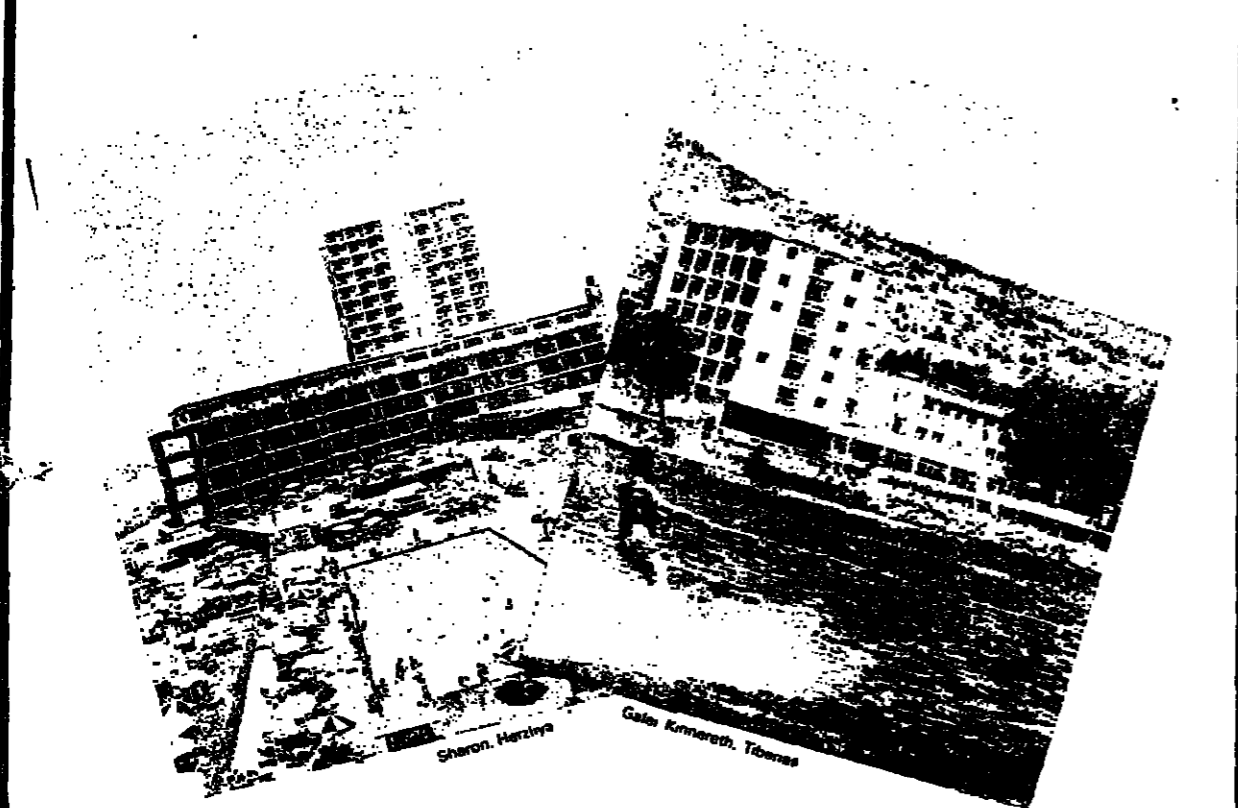
Billy Carter discussed developments in the Palestinian issue with Ahmed Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the

Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), and other leaders, the newspaper "Al-Rai Al-Aam" said.

Billy Carter was invited to Tripoli for his second visit in a year to attend last weekend's celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the Libyan revolution.

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Vance may resign — 'Newsweek'

NEW YORK (Reuter) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is thinking about resigning, according to "Newsweek" magazine.

This week's "Perspective" page, which features unattributed items, reports that Vance "is consulting senior officials to help make up his mind."

The veteran diplomat has reached the point of quitting because of a combination of factors rather than a single incident, according to unidentified friends of Vance, the magazine reported.

Saudi Arabia bans imitation beer

JIDDAH (AP) — Saudi Arabia has banned the import of non-alcoholic imitations of beer, the English-language daily "Arab News" reports.

The newspaper, quoted customs officials as saying consignments of the beverage ordered after July 15 will not be permitted to enter the country. The newspaper said authorities decided that since non-alcoholic beer is being drunk as a substitute to beer, it constitutes a "moral infringement" on Islamic law.

Vance is now seeking a public vote of confidence from President Jimmy Carter, "Newsweek" said.

Cholera in Iran

TEHERAN (UPI) — Cholera has killed five persons and threatens the entire country, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

The ministry listed Teheran among 20 cities where more than 200 cases of cholera, a strain of cholera, had been reported, Iranian newspapers said.

The ministry warned Iranians to disinfect fruit and vegetables before eating them.

Italian family vendetta claims its 11th victim

PALMI, Italy (Reuter) — A family vendetta in this southern town claimed its 11th victim yesterday when masked men shot dead Rocco Gallico, 45, from a passing car. Police believe the daylight killing in the town square was carried out by members of the Condello family with which the Gallicos are carrying on a bloody feud.

ACTOR — Sir Felix Aylmer, for a generation one of Britain's best-known actors, died at an old-age home on Sunday. He was 90.

Aylmer's sharp prominent nose, his wispy white hair and dry, ready voice gained him roles in so many post-war movies he declined to list them.

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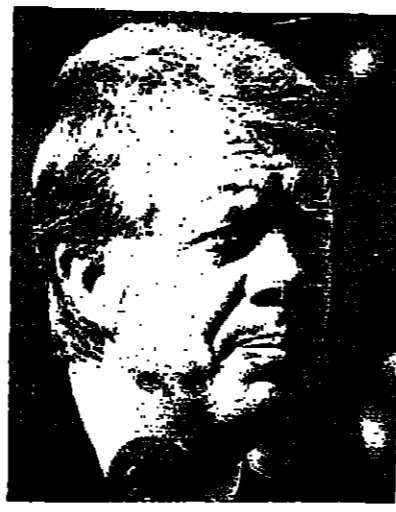
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"I'M DELIRIOUS over the results," says the portly, 76-year-old millionaire whose Draconian tax-slashing measure has changed the face of politics around the entire U.S.

BACKLASH TO THE TAX SLASH

By WILLIAM SCOBIE Los Angeles



Jimmy Carter



Jerry Brown

Not everyone in California feels as euphoric as Howard Jarvis, a self-described "blue-nosed patriot," about the great Proposition 13 experiment. Overwhelmingly approved by voters in the nation's largest, wealthiest state just over a year ago, "13" — so named for its position on the referendum ballot — threw state and local officials into a panic.

and bailed out local governments everywhere." It will be three years, he says, before a serious analysis of 13's results can be made. Many citizens complain that the tax burden is merely being shifted, that local authorities are finding ways to "soak the public" through a new range of fees and charges for services and programmes.

thanks to 13) attributes much of that to the Jarvis amendment.

WHAT OF JOBS? In the days of hysterical guesses and anti-13 propaganda, which preceded last summer's vote, Californians were warned that 450,000 jobs would be lost. More than 100,000 were lost in the public sector, but 552,000 were found elsewhere.

have certainly not fallen — the state consumer price index is up by 8 per cent over a year ago; but that is still one percentage point below the national average. By simply lowering the average cost of owning a home by \$800 per annum, says United California Bank economist Raymond Jallow, "the Jarvis-Gann measure has had a favourable impact on nearly all aspects of our economy."

young-and-the elderly, were virtually eliminated. In Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco, most streets now go uncleaned. Dozens of libraries have closed, due to a 17 per cent statewide cut in funding. All libraries have reduced hours, staffs and programmes. "It's a cultural disgrace," says children's writer Mark Keats, "a symbolic bookburning."

MANY MINOR but useful public services came to an end. Summer schools, much valued by the very

crowding in state mental hospitals has been for years a public scandal. But Prop 13 fever persuaded the Brown administration to kill an \$85m. project to improve conditions. No police were laid off. But Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates says his department is in trouble. Since 13 passed, he has lost, through attrition and resignations, 632 officers, reducing the force to 6,990 men.

The rusty Mr. J. is this summer on the warpath with "Jarvis 2" — his plan to cut state income taxes in half, handing another \$4b. a year in savings to Californians. And Paul Gann is on the road, selling his "Proposition 14," which would limit government spending in other ways. Already he has collected 940,000 signatures, twice the number needed to place the initiative on the ballot.

WHEN FIDEL CASTRO called on Cuban women in 1966 to make a "revolution within the revolution," he probably didn't anticipate the box-office smash about marital strife that's been drawing movie crowds all across the island.

Women's role in the revolution

By SUSAN LINNER/Havana

Teresa, a married young mother, textile worker and volunteer in her factory theatre group, has just been told by her husband that she is "neglecting her sacred duties as a wife and mother."

Many things have changed in the life of Cuban women since 1959. Divorce has become easier, contraceptives are readily available and child care centres are numerous but still not sufficient.

the Cuban Women's Federation urged them to help out during the economic crisis in 1969, official statistics show 68.5 per cent turned a deaf ear and stayed home.

Moscow Film Festival for her portrayal of Teresa, said in an interview in the Cuban cultural magazine, "Bohemia," that women should "bring the revolution home" to change the way things are done in Cuban households as they have been changed in Cuba.

ALTHOUGH the government supports participation of women in all aspects of Cuban life, there are no women in the 15-man Communist Party Political Bureau. However, 25 per cent of National Assembly members elected in the first nationwide elections in 1976 are women.

Mukhtarr Mustapha, a Sierra Leonean playwright, was asked to write a play to be staged at next year's Organisation of African Unity annual summit in his homeland.

The OAU burden



Siaka Stevens

THE LIBERIAN Government has officially confirmed that \$200m. were spent on the recent Organisation of African Unity summit meeting there. The country's annual budget totalled \$371m.

THE FINAL bills for the 1980 OAU in Sierra Leone will far exceed the \$64m. estimate, as happened in the case of Monrovia. Yet Sierra Leone has been forced to devalue its currency because of lack of financial restraint and for opting for easy ways out.

BRITAIN this week gets a new Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, the First Sea Lord.

Quiet commander

By IAN MATHER / London

mans say the missiles can be based in their country only if another NATO member does so too, and the pressure will be on the UK to contribute to a solution of the problem.

SIR TERENCE, who is 58, will probably be the last Chief of the Defence Staff to have served continuously through World War II. He joined the navy on January 1, 1939 at the age of 18 "by accident" — he wanted to be a policeman but was too young for Hendon training.

for using biblical and literary references to naval commandments. When ordering a ship to detach itself from a flotilla he would signal "Macbeth act III, scene 4" (Macbeth to Ghost: "Avaunt! and quit my sight!") or "Macbeth act IV, scene 2" — (Son to Lady Macduff: "Run away, I pray you!")

"WE SEND groups of ships around the world without support," he said. "Of course, it's very nice to be able to put into Sydney for a rest, but it's not necessary. All our new ships have gas turbine engines, which can be changed anywhere. We fly them out in a Hercules and 48 hours later the job's done."

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OPponents of President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menahem Begin looking forward to another confrontation between the two leaders may be in for a letdown.

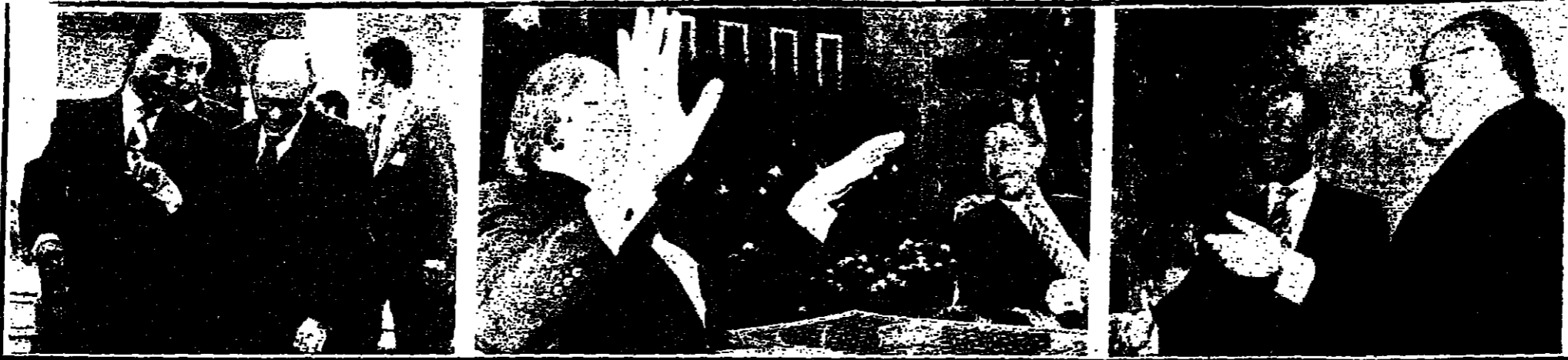
The Egyptian President arrives in Haifa today — on his third visit to Israel — sharing with his Israeli counterpart a common approach to the peace process.

The "alliance" between the two men emerged last month, when they separately vetoed — each for his own reasons — an American move to "update" Security Council Resolution 242.

THIS SHARED approach to regional strategy, as well as the two men's joint determination to implement their peace agreement, seem likely to overshadow three basic points of difference which they hope to overcome at the Haifa summit.

The nature of the peacekeeping force in Sinai, the Security Council, at the insistence of the Soviet Union, in July refused to renew the mandate of the UN Emergency Force (UNEF), the Security Council-controlled body established to police

A common strategic approach and a deep determination to keep the peace initiative moving seem likely to overshadow basic differences between President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menahem Begin in their Haifa summit, which begins today, writes Post Middle East Affairs Editor ANAN SAFADI.



A scenario for a seaside summit

the Sinai disengagement agreements.

The Americans have proposed that the U.S.-aided Israel-Egypt peace arrangements be dealt with by officers of UNTSO, the UN Truce Supervision Organization. The Egyptians accept the plan to employ UNTSO, which is affiliated to the UN secretary-general rather than the Security Council. But Israel, which would be happier with some form of Security Council endorsement of the peace treaty with Egypt, objects.

One possible solution is the establishment of a joint Egypt-Israel force with the participation of observers from the third party to the peace treaty, the U.S.

Once the question of peacekeeping is settled, Begin can be expected to acquiesce to Sadat's request to advance the transfer of Santa Katerina Monastery from January to

November. This would allow the Egyptian leader to go ahead with his plan to celebrate the second anniversary of his November 1977 Jerusalem journey at Jebel Musa, the supposed site of the biblical Mt. Sinai.

The still-unresolved question of oil supplies. Under the peace treaty, Israel is scheduled to return the Alma oilfields, in the Gulf of Suez, to Egypt in November. But Emergency Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, after an Abu Rodeis meeting with his Egyptian counterpart last Thursday, warned that Israel might have to slow down the transfer of the fields.

There were still some unresolved differences. Moda'i said. One was that Egypt had refused to commit itself to selling Alma's annual production — 2 million tons — to Israel, an amount which represents roughly a fourth of Israel's annual consumption.

Moda'i also said that Egypt — which at one time had threatened to sue Israel for compensation for the use of Alma — was refusing to pay

for some special equipment to be left at the fields. This despite Israeli agreement to transfer, free of charge, drilling equipment at the site.

According to the minister, Egypt was willing to sell Israel as much as 1.5 million tons of oil, and to allow her to participate in international tenders for oil drilling rights and for purchase of the balance of the output.

The autonomy negotiations. Sadat, and the Americans, want Israel to make substantive moves which would encourage West Bank and Gaza leaders to enter the talks — or at least make them tone down their current opposition to the peace process.

Sadat seems to have come to terms with Begin's reluctance to make dramatic gestures — the removal of military government headquarters from major West Bank or Gaza towns, the release of security prisoners, and the lifting of the ban on political party activity are three oft-mentioned examples.

Instead, he is seeking Israeli agreement on two documents which would assure residents of the territories on the nature of the self-governing authority.

One of these documents deals with the method of electing such an authority. Israel and Egypt have reached agreement on an agenda here, but are bogged down on the question of including an East Jerusalem constituency. The second document concerns the authority's powers, with Israel insisting on limited administrative functions and Egypt holding out for a kind of sovereign governmental integrity.

These differences are not inconsequential. But they do not seem to lead to a showdown, because Sadat is unlikely to do anything that would endanger the process of the return of Sinai.

The contrary appears to be true. It seems as though Sadat will do everything possible to keep Begin happy during the next 30 months, at the end of which he is due to have all of Sinai back, by exercising the peace option rather than the war op-

tion. Furthermore, that target date signals the end of Begin's term of office, and the Premier has made it clear that, health permitting, he will not relinquish the reins before then.

Sadat has every reason to be confident during this long waiting period. His role in the process of phased normalization is a low-risk one; the opening of the Suez Canal, the granting of tourist visas to Israelis, even the scheduled exchange of ambassadors in March 1980, are not irrevocable acts. In the meantime, Israel is pulling back, pulling out of Sinai.

And while Egypt has peace along its borders, Israel is involved in a shooting war to the north, and has not made peace with its neighbors to the east. Israel is also under mounting pressure in the world arena, pressure to make further withdrawals and to recognize a "Palestinian homeland."

SADAT IS EQUALLY comfortable inside Egypt, and in the Arab world. His control of the Land of the Nile is

certain to be unchallenged for the next 2 1/2 years. No attempt to undermine him is thinkable, no opponent can raise his voice, until all of Sinai is Egyptian once more.

Nor does the action of any Arab leader — Sadat often refers to them as "dwarfs" — make the Egyptian President uneasy. They are too tied up with their own interwoven intrigues, or too worried about their own domestic problems, to pose any threat.

Again, time appears to be on Sadat's side. He had predicted in the past that some of the Arab countries who had broken ties with Egypt in the aftermath of the peace treaty would eventually fall back in line. Morocco, involved in an inter-Arab struggle, became the first case in point over the weekend.

DESPITE HIS confidence, Sadat still faces a dilemma. Every step he takes toward Arab rapprochement of necessity jars the nerves of the Israelis, and every step he takes towards normalization of relations with Israel makes that Arab reconciliation more difficult. The breaking of the "psychological barrier" which he accomplished in his historic trip to Jerusalem certainly created new Arab psychological barriers.

But while the Egypt-Israel barrier has been broken, it has not disappeared. For almost two years now, Sadat has clung to the same basic political line. This line was expressed, even before Sadat came to Jerusalem, by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali. "A new element to be taken into account," Ghali wrote then, "is the recent formation of a combination of Arab approaches, including an increased determination to curb Israeli expansionism and a readiness to recognize the existence of Israel as a sovereign state for an interim period, pending her peaceful integration with the Palestinians into a secular state or a confederation."

Six months after the signing of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty, this is still the basic Egyptian position. Recognition of this fact does not affect the warmth of the welcome that Israel extends to the Egyptian leader on the eve of his third visit to Israel. But it does add a note of caution.

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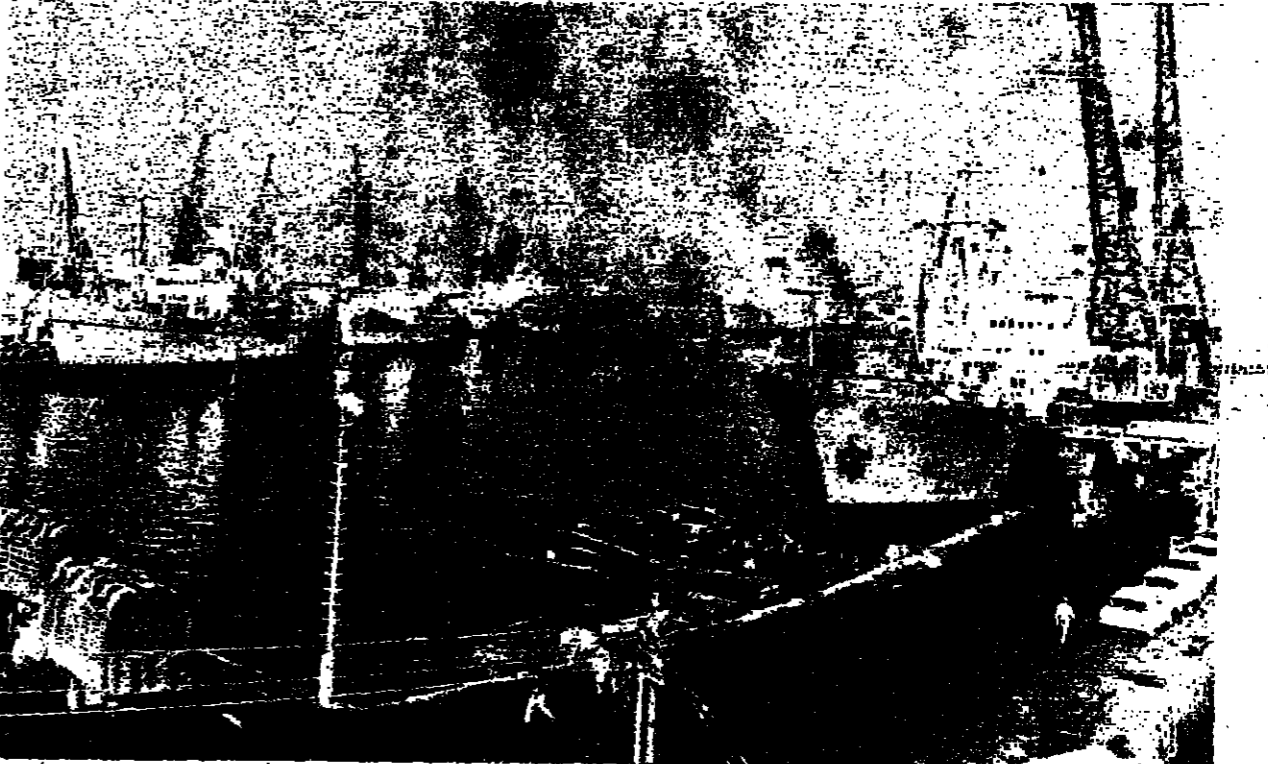
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The Middle East—once upon a time a 'Common Market'

IT IS hard for young people to believe, today, less than 40 years ago the Middle East was close to becoming a free trade area. Goods moved from one country to another by ship, rail or road, in a small volume by air, with no other hindrances than those put up by customs inspectors and quarantine and plant protection officials. Politics, which have torn the region asunder and changed its map, were kept out of commercial life.

It took the Second World War and a British government pushed to the wall by Hitler's Third Reich and its own lack of foresight, to convert the Middle East, from Persia and Iraq to Egypt and Sudan, into a "common market" area under the duress of war at sea. In order to save shipping space and the lives of its sailors, the British set up in Cairo the Middle East Supply Board and, as its affiliate for the armed services the War Supply Board, with branch offices in every Middle East capital. The two boards set up what amounted to a territorially limited model of a planned economy for the duration and achieved a high degree of efficiency. The boards also demonstrated what could be accomplished in the area, were it not for the divisive bent of human minds.

Eretz Yisrael, or Palestine under its Mandatory British Government, played no small part in this economic war effort through its resourceful industrial performance. Raw materials were moved from areas of production to those of industrial processing or upgrading and on to those of consumption by the civilian population or by the allied forces. Food, cotton, textiles, tobacco, medical supplies, edible oil, dyes, grains and fodder are examples of commodities carried by steamships, sailboats, trains, trucks, even camels, in an operation that became increasingly effective as the officials, mainly British, gained experience and know-how.

Jewish engineers and technicians made Haifa a repair yard for British Navy vessels and merchant ships of all types and flags. People who worked in this far-flung organization and had an overview of its work spoke of a spirit of cooperation across the frontiers that the European Common Market has yet to achieve.

There was among the community of traders a spirit of cooperation and tolerance in the Middle East before the war and during the war. I doubt whether we shall see the like of it

again," says Le'umi Feigin, who was then a customs agent, and today, in his 70s, the head of a travel bureau in Rehov Herzl in Haifa.

Compared with today, the scope of trade was small. There were fewer people in the Middle East then. In the mid thirties Egypt had a population of about 20 million (today 40m.), and Eretz Yisrael had just over one million. I also remember that there was unrestricted freedom of movement from other countries into Palestine. Educated Egyptians, fluent in several languages, made good foremen. Illiterate Syrians from Syria were employed as unskilled laborers in Haifa port in large numbers, like guest workers in Europe today.

As a customs agent, Feigin did the paper work for imports and exports via Haifa port. "We used to ship large quantities of water melons by sailboats from the Hadera area to Port Said, Neshar Cement bought paper and fute bags from a Danish-owned cement company in Helwan in a suburb of Cairo. Jewish merchants bought in Egypt rice, cotton, eggs and cigarettes. Many people smoked M... and M... later on also Sinus Art cigarettes. Sugar was also imported in the form of cones. And I remember that the profit margins of the traders were much smaller than today."

THE BIGGEST peacetime staple goods imported from Egypt in the '30s and '40s were rice, cotton, cattle fodder, copra and onions. Egypt bought, in turn, growing quantities of goods that the Jewish industrialists in Eretz Yisrael began to turn out in increasing quantity and improving quality — textile and leather goods, medical drugs, cosmetics, processed foods (like sweets) and plate glass. "This almost idyllic trade system (as it seems in retrospect) began to disintegrate right after the armistice in Europe. Already in December 1945, the Arab League began to organize a boycott of "Zionist" goods, and its most active promoters were Egyptian. It was not by accident that the Arab League office was headquartered in Cairo. According to reports from the Cairo correspondents of the Hebrew press, the Egyptian Government had not only a political, but also an economic stake

in making the boycott an effective weapon against the Jewish Palestinians, because it hoped to develop an industry of its own as part of a plan to gain the economic, political and intellectual leadership of the Arab world. The correspondents wrote that the Arab status on the Asian side of the Suez Canal were sluggish in enforcing the boycott and that it was Egypt that spurred them to greater efforts.

Very soon (in 1946) Egypt banned the import of citrus fruit from Palestine unless it was accompanied by a certificate from an Arab League trustee that the fruit came from an Arab-owned plantation. In January 1946, Egyptian customs officials confiscated as "Zionist propaganda" a shipment of Bibles printed in the Holy Land. "Ha'aretz," which reported this news, did not state in what language the Bible was printed. "How right the Egyptians are," the paper commented on a sarcastic note. "The Bible is indeed a Zionist document, from the first promise of Eretz Yisrael to Abraham to those given by the Lord to Moses."

The commercial damage done to Jewish Palestine by Arab and Egyptian economic warfare was not heavy, and perhaps economic growth was the result. In 1946, imports from Egypt amounted to 2.6m. Palestine pounds, while Palestine's exports to Egypt were only about 1m. Palestine pounds, not including petroleum products from the British refineries in Haifa. The impact of the decline of free trade in the Middle East was mainly psychological. The more observant noted at this early stage some lessons on future political trends. Thus Egypt, in March 1947, stopped the transshipment of goods originating in Palestine in transit in its free port zones. A year later the Cairo government ordered foreign airlines not to transfer goods arriving from or for Palestine in Egyptian airports. This measure affected exports from here to African countries (El Al was founded in 1949). The British BOAC complied without a murmur, and the British Government did no more than describe the Arab boycott as "undesirable."

Will the era of peaceful co-existence and commercial togetherness between Middle East countries revive? The veterans in the trade are sceptical or frankly pessimistic. "My heart is heavy at what I see going on," was one comment.

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SADAT IN HAIFA

Ofira Navon has carefully prepared for her guest from Egypt, writes the Post's Judy Siegel

WHEN JERHAN SADAT arrives in Haifa today, she will find her hostess Ofira Navon knows what she likes to eat and talk about, the names of her children and grandchildren, her hobbies and other relevant personal details.

The accumulation of facts about Egypt's First Lady is due not to Israel's intelligence service, but to the intelligence and perception of Ofira Navon. Soon after moving into Beit Hanassi over a year ago, she learned that it's much easier to break the diplomatic ice if one knows as much as possible about a VIP guest.

Even at her hospital bed at Tel Hashomer shortly after undergoing an operation for the removal of a tumour a few weeks ago, Ofira Navon read everything she could about Mrs. Sadat and prepared a welcoming speech. Her conversations with people who have already met the 46-year-old Egyptian First Lady have rounded out the picture.

Information about Mrs. Sadat's interests led Ofira Navon to arrange a symposium on aspects of neurological and orthopaedic rehabilitation at Haifa University today. It will include reports by Israeli experts and will have Egypt's First Lady as the honoured guest.

SPEECH-WRITING and making don't come easy to President Yitzhak Navon's wife. "Each one is like giving birth to a creation," she says. "I put together pieces of my thoughts, memories, poems, associations and often quotes from the Bible, which was my favourite subject at school, as raw material."

Because she finds her mind most composed for writing before going to sleep, she often uses a pen topped with a miniature flashlight that was a gift from a friend. That way she can work at it late at night in bed without disturbing her husband, Navon, who early in his political career was daunted by the mere thought of public speaking but now sounds like a natural, often reads over his wife's drafts and offers his comments.

The job of First Lady is like having three million mothers-in-law living next door. The criticism can be biting, and there is little opportunity to fight back. When Ofira wore a black and white suit and a felt hat to Golda Meir's funeral, gossip columnist wondered why she hadn't dressed "more simply" and used only a scarf "like Lilian Carter" to cover her hair.

When she was interviewed on TV about International Year of the Child, criticism that she was "too stiff" reverberated in her ears and induced her to ask friends at TV House to let her see the tape and understand what went wrong.

One newspaper writer wondered in print why Mrs. Navon, who was shown smiling in a 1968 article with Jimmy Carter during the state banquet at the Knesset, was "biting" with the U.S. President. What the writer didn't know was that their conversation gave Carter new perspective on Eretz Yisrael.

Having got on the topic of the Patriarch Abraham, Ofira Navon emphasized to her dinner partner that Jews view themselves as the direct descendants of the first Jew in the Bible, and as inheritors of the land promised to him. It then dawned on Carter, who admitted that he "had never thought about it that way before," that Abraham, for the Jews, is not just some fictional character in the pantheon of Israel.

But the unkindest cut of all came a few months ago from certain politicians who were worried about Yitzhak Navon's growing popularity. They talked about "overresponding" at Beit Hanassi, and this hurt Ofira Navon deeply.

OFIRA NAVON was born in Tel Aviv in January, 1936, to Eliezer and Batya Erez, two Russian Jews who had been prisoners of Zion. The unusual name was extrapolated from the name of one of her grandmothers, Golda. That name was regarded by her parents as too reminiscent of the Galut, so Zehava (Golda) was suggested as a substitute. But her father didn't like it, and chose Ofira, because King Solomon had found gold in Ophir.

Ofira and her youngest sister Vardine Erez (a director at Israel TV) had a normal childhood, but it was darkened by the death of their architect father when Ofira was eight. Their mother (who died only last year), a nurse, raised her daughters herself.

Ofira served in the army and studied at the Levinsky teacher's Seminary in Tel Aviv.

A passport photograph taken at the age of 20 was a turning point in her life. Taken with her long black hair arranged over the shoulders of a high-necked black blouse, the photo was sent by the photographer without permission, to the magazine "Ha'Olam Ha'Zeh," and printed on its cover as part of its "Miss Sabra" contest.

"I was happy and angry at the same time," she recalls. "Happy that they liked the photo, but angry that the photographer had sold it without my OK." The contest organizers pressured Ofira's mother to let her enter the contest, whose winner was to fly to Paris for an international competition sponsored by "Elle" magazine. The

Portrait of the President's partner



Carol Gontier

photographer and his wife tried to convince Ofira to give it a try.

THE YOUNG GIRL was in a dilemma. Ofira hated the idea of being judged for her looks. She was always afraid that those who thought she was beautiful would conclude that her head was empty. That feeling drove her to graduate school, as if to prove that she had brains as well as beauty.

But the prize offered for the Israeli winner was IL1,000 — a fortune at that time equal to about IL100,000 today. It was enough money to give her the higher education she dreamed of without being a burden on her mother. She entered, won the local contest and represented Israel in Paris. The money helped put her through college.

Later she was one of two Israelis to win a U.S. government scholarship for one year of study at the University of Georgia. Eschewing campus social life because she was hungry for education and because there were few Jewish boys at the university, she received her M.A. and wrote a thesis on how to help new immigrants adjust to Israel's new way of life.

She went to Columbia University in New York after being offered a stipend, and studied two years towards a doctorate, receiving a diploma in rehabilitation counselling. Her Ph.D. plans were cut short when she was introduced to Yitzhak Navon, who was then Ben-Gurion's secretary.



Jehan Sadat

Unable to have a child, Ofira devoted herself to working as a psychologist with children. She spent many years at the Alyn children's hospital in Jerusalem, and eventually became responsible for a department.

On the waiting list for two years, the Navons finally adopted Nira, a baby girl. A difficult operation enabled Ofira to have children, and she gave birth to Erez shortly after Nira became their daughter. The adoption was never kept secret and Nira knew of it from age two.

"Parents who have an adopted child and a natural one like us feel no difference between them. Couples who can't have children can bring in the radiance of the sun if they adopt," says Ofira.

HAVING two kids on her hands, Mrs. Navon could no longer work full-time as a psychologist, but she still wanted to work outside the home. Her husband suggested getting into

something she liked. It dawned on her that she was interested in the architecture and aesthetics she learned as a child from her father. "He cared about beauty. He even drew pictures on the ribbons I used to tie my braids."

Since a well-known architect, Emmanuel Tros, lived nearby, Ofira asked to see how he worked. As he showed Ofira the various buildings he had designed in Jerusalem, she spontaneously told him which she liked and which she didn't.

"What right did I have to criticize an experienced architect?" she thought to herself later. But he showed her his tools and asked her to copy plans. She suggested changes, based on her psychological experience, on how to make rooms suited to a family's temperament and way of life.

At the end of the month, Tros gave her a cheque for IL500. Thus her interest in interior decorating evolved and was backed up with experience. "That came in handy when the Navons moved into Beit Hanassi, a building that is totally unsuited for a family and — some charged — for anybody."

The leather-covered living room set, inherited from the Katzirs and owned by the state, wasn't Ofira Navon's style, and she had to make the private residence upstairs feel like home by bringing books, souvenirs, lots of plants and photographs from their previous rented apartment.

Where to put the first presidential children in the State's history was a problem. Two guest rooms had to be converted for their use, and a hole had to be broken near the bottom of the elevator to allow the kids — then four and five years old — to run out freely into the back garden.

Worried that the children would be frightened about being in the strange, new building, Mrs. Navon first put Nira and Erez in the same room and made the adjoining room a playroom.

But months later, when they had become used to it, the children were separated, and the First Lady decorated each room with floor-to-ceiling nature photographs. The typical Israeli children's bed allows another to be pulled out to allow friends to sleep over.

SOMEDAY, says Ofira Navon, "I'd like to do a Ph.D. on the links between psychology and architecture."

It hasn't been an easy task ensuring that the rambunctious youngsters have a normal childhood. Nira and Erez were told insistently that "no, you're not more important than the other children in kindergarten because you're the President's children." The teacher was told personally by Navon to deal with the kids as with any others when they misbehave.

Ofira Navon has tried to take Erez to the supermarket to "fish" for carp as he used to before moving into Beit Hanassi; bring the youngsters to the museum and to the movies. From the start, they were told that their stay in Beit Hanassi was only temporary, and at the end of their father's service, they would move back home and no longer be the children of the President.

As an Ashkenazi married to a Sephardi, Ofira Navon made an effort to learn Oriental culture so that she could transmit it, along with her husband, to the children. "They know how to sing 'Tzur Mithelo' (a Sabbath song) in both the Sephardi and the Ashkenazi modes," she notes.

"I WAS A partner to the birth of the 'Sephardi Orchestra' (the music-cum-dialogue) written by Yitzhak Navon about Sephardi life in Jerusalem," she adds. Although she doesn't know Arabic or Ladino, she has tried to learn basic Spanish.

Ofira Navon's father was traditional, and thus she doesn't mind the restraints of observing Shabbat in public that the Navons have taken on since moving into Beit Hanassi. The problem of an invitation to a party at Meir Amit's Ramat Gan house on Friday night was solved when the Navons stayed at a modest pension in the area and walked over.

The differences of opinion that commonly crop up in matches between a Sephardi husband and an Ashkenazi wife were easily resolved in the Navons' case. "My husband was

conservative on the role of women, but we reached a *modus vivendi*. The fact that we're both sabras and went through the same educational system gave us similar values."

The First Lady feels very strongly that women's talents and energies in Israel are not adequately harnessed by society, mainly because of the problem of finding reasonable and

professional child care for preschoolers.

During a trip two years ago to Romania, she found that the government strongly encourages women to work while helping them with the children.

"When a woman gives birth, she is allowed to come back to work within seven years without being penalized, and she has a long period of paid maternity leave." In addition, the women's workday is divided into two parts — four hours in the morning and four hours in the afternoon — thus allowing two together to fill a full-time job.

SHE RECOMMENDS that such an arrangement be encouraged by government and business in Israel.

The "Ikhpat Li" ("I care") fund established by Mrs. Navon with donations from individuals and institutions (the principle totals over IL1.2m., with interest going to help projects) is aimed at helping model projects for educating disadvantaged children and encouraging employers to hire women half-time.

Meanwhile, Ofira Navon's job, from seeing that flower arrangements at state dinners match the tablecloth to answering letters of distress from average citizens, continues to be unpaid and more than half-time.

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Ofira Navon with President Carter during the state banquet at the Knesset...she gave Carter a new gift...on Eretz Yisrael. (Government Press Office)

Vikings, Oilers win opening NFL games

NEW YORK (AP). — The Minnesota Vikings used a new quarterback, Tommy Kramer, and the Houston Oilers relied on the same old runner, Earl Campbell, to score opening-day victories as the 60th National Football League season got rolling on Sunday.

chargers took the Seattle Seahawks 33-16. The season opened officially on Saturday night when Tampa Bay ripped the Detroit Lions 31-16. Buffalo kicker Tom Dempsey's 34-yard field goal attempt with no time left went wide and Miami nailed down a record 19th straight over the bills.

touchdown passes, moving Oakland past Los Angeles. Raymond Chester caught pitches of 27 and 4 yards and Derrick Ramsey grabbed a 1-yarder. Clarence Williams ran for two touchdowns and Rolf Benirschke kicked four field goals as San Diego defeated Seattle.

UK rugby unions to allow SA tour

LONDON (AP). — The British Rugby Unions refused yesterday to cancel a tour by a multi-racial South African team, and were immediately condemned by Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

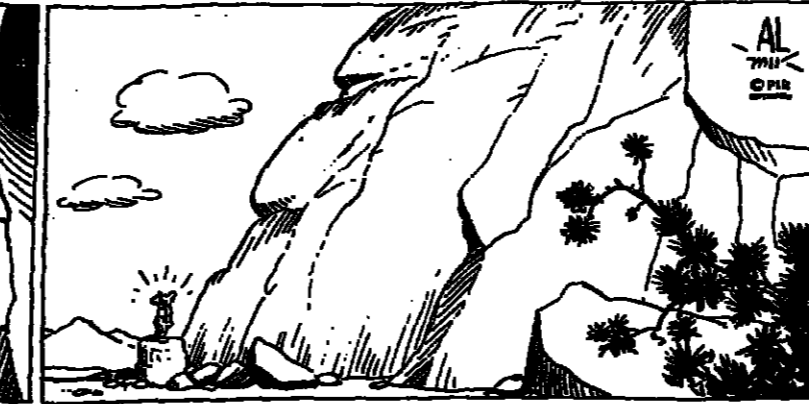
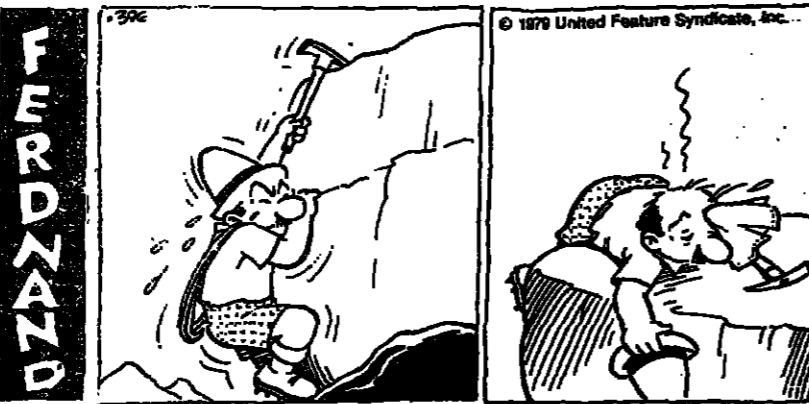
Israeli soccer team faces Eintracht Frankfurt today

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The German first division soccer side Eintracht Frankfurt today will give the first test of the season to the Israeli Olympic team at the Ramat Gan stadium at 6 o'clock tonight. The Israeli team will play in a series of Olympic qualifying games starting later this month.

Davis Cup players named after tourney

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter RAMAT HASHARON. — Israel's Davis Cup team to meet Monaco at the tennis centre here from September 13 to 15 will comprise Shlomo Glickstein, Steve Krutvick, Yair Wertheimer and new cap Haim Arlosoroff, the local tennis association announced last night.

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Turnover in bonds triple, but no big gainers

THE AVIV. — Trading in index-linked bonds yesterday more than tripled on the stock market here and turnover totalled out at 11.825. Turnover in stocks also remained relatively high at 11.255...

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

benefited from a 6.5 per cent dividend. All equities in the mortgage bank sector registered gains with several shares showing large improvements. Among these were Carmel, which continued Sunday's jumps by gaining 5.1 per cent in the case of Carmel r and 5.7 per cent in the case of Carmel b.

downwards. For instance, Zur r lost most of Sunday's advance of 18 points by dropping 10 yesterday, closing on 240. However, Securitas pulled up by 3.2 per cent or 11 points to 351.

The same confused picture pertained to stocks in land, building and development. Eyside 1 and 5 were both gainers, up 3.3 and 3.1 per cent respectively to 310 and 313. But Solel Boneh continued to slide. Yesterday's loss of 8.2 per cent or 141 points left the shares on 1570.

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Project Renewal — boon or bust? The Jerusalem Post investigates

Renewed interest

Focus on Haifa

TODAY it is Haifa's turn to roll out the red carpet for President Sadat on his arrival in this country for another session with Prime Minister Begin.

Such "summit" meetings between the leaders of Egypt and Israel have by now become almost routine, especially since the signing of the peace treaty in Washington last March. Since then, Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat got together in Cairo and then in Beersheba, next in Alexandria — and now in Israel's own major port city, Haifa.

Haifa is, of course, treating the occasion as a major event. If nothing else, this will be for President Sadat (accompanied as he is by Mrs. Sadat) his first naval visit to Israel. So the sirens, too, are ready.

Jerusalem has no reason to begrudge Haifa this honour. It was, after all, to this city that Egypt's President journeyed nearly two years ago to start the process of reconciliation between the two main protagonists in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and thus to lay the ground for an overall Middle East settlement.

It is arguable that the more Israeli cities are chosen as the venue for such high-level conferences, the better it will be for normalization.

What does cause some unease, however, is the feeling that Jerusalem is being deliberately kept off the roster of sites considered fit for such a meeting.

That this is indeed Mr. Sadat's view is not even a secret. Although his first visit here in effect sealed Egypt's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, he is reported to be fearful that repeat visits would embarrass him with his fellow Arabs, and with Moslems around the world.

The fear, if true, is misplaced. Mr. Sadat's true offence in the eyes of his enemies, and detractors, is simply the fact that he has set out to make peace with the Jewish state. All the rest, including Jerusalem, is secondary.

If Mr. Sadat wishes to make the point that he has his own concept of the future of Jerusalem — East Jerusalem, that is — he is surely entitled to do so. If he wishes to discuss the disposition of the formerly Jordan-occupied part of the city, it is his right. Mr. Begin, committed as he is, along with nearly all Israelis, to the idea of a united Jerusalem, could not refuse without reneging on his other pledge to negotiate all controversial issues.

One controversial issue is Mr. Sadat's bid for the grant of the vote in autonomy elections to East Jerusalem Arabs. This needs to be resolved, and soon. But it has no bearing whatever on the status of West Jerusalem.

Mr. Begin's apparent acquiescence in Jerusalem's seeming exclusion from the summit list is thus surprising. It is also not a contribution to the practical working-out of normal relations between Egypt and Israel. Indeed it may be said that the summits themselves, with their rarefied atmosphere of cordiality, have not so far had the expected impact on the ground below.

To this day, Egyptian diplomats in international forums keep speaking of Israel in terms which would have been more appropriate to nations at war. Egyptian airport officials are not informed of summit-level decisions to normalize tourism from Israel, and give Israeli arrivals the run-around before finally exposing them to typical Egyptian hospitality.

Egypt and Israel may share the desire to push normalization forward with all deliberate speed; except that Israel underlines speed, Egypt emphasizes deliberation. But just as Israelis cannot have it all at once, so Egyptians cannot reduce it to a small pace. And hopefully this summit meeting will break through this difference.

IT BEGAN as a footnote. Prime Minister Menachem Begin's announcement that Israel had taken up a "vital national challenge" appeared in a few paragraphs in the papers of August 9, 1977.

Will Project Renewal, the ambitious plan to rehabilitate the homes of 300,000 disadvantaged urban dwellers at the cost of \$1.2b., itself end up merely as a footnote to Israeli history? Will it turn out to be another ill-fated, American-style "War on Poverty," one of society's periodic pangs of conscience over the plight of the underclass which is quickly forgotten for other pressing matters?

Or has the chance for the country's immigrants of the early 1960s and their children really come? Can Project Renewal succeed at a task that modern societies have failed at time after time?

The answers, considered two years after the announcement, are still far from certain. But the impact of failure — or success — on the Israeli poor, the Diaspora gives and the country as a whole is clear.

THE FIRST signs of trouble have already appeared. Slum-dwellers, their expectations raised by Begin's pre-Camp David message on TV that rehabilitation problems would be solved in four or five years and their conditions worsened by the shortage of new housing, became militant in the past year. Riots were burnt and demonstrations became violent.

And Diaspora fund raisers and contributors, who were first wary of Project Renewal because of worries that their \$600m. contribution couldn't be raised and that it would cripple regular UJA and Keren Hayesod collections, quickly became disillusioned after agreeing to back the project who were heard.

Conspicuous bureaucratic delays and struggles among the authorities for control, which were chronicled in this year's State Comptroller Report, inflamed the residents and led the contributors to demand action from the prime minister.

Some Diaspora communities opted out of the Project Renewal scheme; others sent their own experts to investigate; while a few returned from missions to recommend that they be matched up with other slum quarters whose local officials were more willing to cooperate.

"We opted out of Project Renewal this year," said Barry Slawsky, a poster manufacturer from Edmonton, Canada, while attending the Keren Hayesod Young Leadership Mission last month. "Everything was so disorganized. The bureaucracy is a cruel joke."

Another mission participant, Alexander Tessler of Frankfurt, was also perturbed by the delays and said he would ask his fellow Jews at home if they wanted to drop the Beersheba quarter with which they were matched and ask for another. "But we'll never drop it completely," he asserted.

"The prime minister had a great vision when he announced Project Renewal," asserts Construction and Absorption Minister David Levy. "Some people laughed at it at first, but now they realize how urgent it is."

BEGIN'S closest aide, Yehiel Kadishai, says that the idea of the project was Begin's own. "He thought of it. His concern for the disadvantaged really goes back to the early 1950s when he travelled from one ma'abara (transit camp) to another and saw under what miserable conditions the immigrants of that time were living."

Others suggest that while Begin's motivation was sincere, he realized — shrewd politician that he can be — that the 45,000 disadvantaged families involved had mainly voted for the Likud and that their allegiance could be preserved if they believed that the new government were committed to ending their misery.

But like the noble vision of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Begin's announcement of the project at the closing dinner of an Israeli bonds conference was not accompanied by any elaborate mechanism for implementing the idea. The next 24 months were spent in arguments and struggles over how the rehabilitation would work.

"It's really quite simple," says Prof. Daniel Shimshoni, the government's coordinator of Project Renewal, who then proceeds to explain the mechanism that has evolved in an interview that extends to four hours.

Pittsburgh-born and Texas-bred, the 60-year-old former airplane designer and pilot who was deputy commander of Israel's air force in 1955 was appointed to the Project Renewal post by Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin.

SHIMSHONI, a professor of public administration at Tel Aviv University, first got to know Yadin when he asked him to set up a social policy group as part of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office.

After Begin selected Yadin to be responsible for Project Renewal on behalf of the Cabinet, Yadin secured Shimshoni's appointment — as late as February of this year — to be coordinator.



Menachem Begin (above) and David Levy.



By JUDY SIEGEL

The Jewish Agency, which is jointly responsible for Project Renewal (to underline Diaspora participation and because tax-deductible contributions in the U.S. preclude giving to a state agency) with the government, named former Haifa University President Eliezer Raphael to be its coordinator just 10 months ago.

Before these appointments, the Jewish Agency and the government fought for control. Levy, whose power was bolstered when he was named to head the Construction Ministry (though Agency control of the project as part of his continuing battle for governmental or state control of absorption and ally rather than Agency control).

"I never viewed it as a political battle," maintains Levy, in his 18th floor office at the Construction and Housing Ministry. "I'm just opposed to any attempt to set up redundant frameworks that are parallel to the government. Communal structures like day-care centres can be built by the Agency's institutions; I agreed to that. But housing — that's our job."

Levy tangled even with the Prime Minister, who eventually was convinced and backed him up. "But I'm all for Diaspora consultation and contributions. The Diaspora is our bloodbank. We need their help," he adds, "but they can't do it without us."

ANOTHER FIGHT erupted between mayors and the project organizers. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek denounced them for choosing the neighbourhoods that would receive help without consulting the municipality, making use of its existing staff and experience or building on the rehabilitation work already done. A tenuous truce resulted when Pratzot, the municipal government housing corporation, was called in to implement Project Renewal in Jerusalem. The mayor, however, still has his doubts.

Competition among various government ministries which wanted to run the project compounded the delay.

"But now about 90 per cent of these organizational problems are behind us, and we have got down to work," claims Shimshoni.

According to the government coordinator, who backs up his claims with piles of documents and seems to revel in drawing chalk diagrams of

organizational structures on an already crowded blackboard, all parties have finally agreed on some axioms, which evolved through trial and error.

Residents of each neighbourhood will be heavily involved in planning the project. Plans will rise from the bottom up — from the neighbourhood to the coordinators," he says. At the top is a minister's committee headed by Yadin and comprising the Ministers of Finance, Interior, Construction and Housing, Education and Culture, Health, Religious Affairs and Labour and Social Affairs. It convenes about once a month and resolves inter-governmental conflicts in addition to approving which neighbourhoods will be included.

Lower down in the hierarchy is the "interministerial professional committee," chaired by Shimshoni. Officials of Yadin's office, Raphael and other representatives of the Jewish Agency and bureaucratic officials from five ministries are represented. Meeting every Sunday, it must approve or reject plans and requests from the neighbourhoods.

At the bottom are the local steering committees, one to a neighbourhood, which are composed of "15 to 18 people," according to the professor. The chairman of the local authority, or one of his deputies, serves as chairman of the steering body. Meeting once every three weeks or so (sub-committees meet more often), the committees are the steaming cauldrons from which emerge the neighbourhood's requests and formal plans.

Local representatives of the various ministries, representatives of new immigrant groups, the elderly, community activists like the Ohel group in Jerusalem, and others also sit in the committees, which only occasionally is elected.

THAT IS the theory. In practice, residents complain that they are "outnumbered" by governmental and municipal officials who dictate to them. Meetings are sometimes held mornings — a convenient time for bureaucrats but work-time for local residents. Some committees have become so packed with representatives — 20 or 30 rather than 15 to 18 — that the bodies are unwieldy.

Shimshoni says that the proportion of officials to residents is not important, because "decisions are made by consensus, not by a vote of the majority." He adds that residents are sophisticated and know what they want, and thus cannot be cowed by officials spouting statistics and sociological jargon. The Project Renewal experience may end up as a boon to democracy and local initiative, suggests Shimshoni. For the first time, many slum dwellers are participating in decisions that affect their lives.

"They've told us that housing isn't their first priority. They want better educational facilities for their children, an end to crime and drugs, more day-care and community centres, job counsellors and old age clubs. Getting larger or new flats is vital, but not the only priority," he says.

There are only about 50 steering committees so far, out of 160 needed for each neighbourhood, but most of them have submitted requests and plans for the interministerial committee's approval. "In the last few weeks, we've worked steadily and quickly and our desk is clean. Now we've had to press the steering committees to produce more plans," asserts Raphael, who speaks about the project with optimism.

"We've been surprised by the professional quality of most plans," says Raphael.

UNEXPECTEDLY, some steering committee requests were too modest. "One neighbourhood needed a children's library and asked for a mere IL200,000. We sent the list of books to a librarian at the Hebrew University who told us that the titles were an excellent selection. They got our cheque and the books in 12 days."

But in most cases, the procedures are much more complicated. Residents complain that their requests aren't being dealt with quickly or rationally. Plans for rehabilitating big city slums have a million problems.

Once projects are approved, they must go to a budget committee that includes Jewish Agency Baccal experts to receive an appropriation. If funds for a particular project have not come in quickly enough, the Agency borrows money here so that the project can proceed. A total of \$60m. has been collected abroad so far, but much of it is frozen in bank accounts until projects get under way. Begin's noble vision of Diaspora Jews coming to Israel for months at a time to work in the neighbourhoods — as social workers, builders, consultants and the like — has failed to materialize.

On a small scale, the British Jewish Community has agreed to send volunteer dentists to Ashdod to man mobile clinics on a rotating basis.

But in general, fund-raisers and contributors have felt frustrated about their inability to have an impact beyond mere giving.

"It's impossible to make use of a Diaspora expert who has only a few weeks to give and doesn't know Hebrew," Shimshoni maintains. The question of who will build and rehabilitate flats and public facilities, from erecting apartment complexes down to the dirty work of fixing sewage networks and repairing damp walls, remains unanswered.

Levy asserts that he will bring in foreign investors and builders and that "we'll do our very best." Manpower and materials, stretched to the limit by redeployment in the Negev and housing needs for the bumper crop of immigrants expected in the next few years, will inevitably be short.

Even more obscure is where the community workers needed to man local facilities necessary to improve the quality of life in the slums will come from.

SINCE the concept of Project Renewal is human rehabilitation rather than mere slum clearing, the human factor is of major importance. With a shortage of thousands of social workers in the country, what will be the source of the hundreds needed to put life into Project Renewal?

Raphael suggests using a Haifa University project to train community leaders as a model. Promising young people were given university educations in the hope that they would provide leadership in their communities upon graduation. But such projects will take years before the first results are felt.

"At this point, there is no basis for the fear that Project Renewal will die," says Raphael. "It is living and breathing, even though it does have big problems."

Yet even though the organizers can finally claim movement, it will take more than crossed fingers to revolutionize the lives of 300,000 people. Begin said it would take four years. Then it was extended to "five to nine years." Then Agency board of governors chairman Max Fisher predicted a decade.

Perhaps a more realistic timetable is that offered by Jerrold Hoffberger, a major contributor and the chairman of the International Committee for Project Renewal: "It will take a generation."

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